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Judaism Council President Publicly Urges Support For ZOA Food Drive; Explains It's Humanitarian

By MOSELLE JACOBS
National Jewish Post Correspondent

HOUSTON, Tex.—(NJP)—James Baumohl, president of the Houston chapter of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, said this week that he was supporting the local Food for Israel campaign because "it is a humanitarian cause."

Baumohl told The Post that his support of the Zionist Organization of America drive was a purely personal one and did not involve the I. Friedlander chapter of which he is presdient.

"I personally believe any cause for any people who need help from a humanitarian standpoint should be supported and I urge everyone else to support it," he said in explaining his public appeal to Houston Jews.

He said that in addition to endorsing the ZOA campaign, he had supported it with a contribution. He asserted that his action was in no way opposed to the philosophy of the Council "since the Council does not object to humanitarian causes."

Baumohl said that his action did not affect his opposition to the United Jewish Appeal. He echoed the official stand of the Council that "money from the United Jewish Appeal will go for propaganda and political purposes and I'm not interested in furthering the political aims of any other country but America."

Baumohl's action was believed to be the first endorsement, official or otherwise, by a Council leader of the giant Food for Israel campaign organized by the ZOA throughout the U. S.

COC Warns Fund Pact Hurt By ZOA Moves

By MARC H. TANENBAUM
National Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK—(NJP)—The Committee of Contributors has charged that Zionist leaders on the United Plaestine Appeal are already making decisions for 1949 though there has yet been no implementation of the 40 per cent community representation agreed to in a recent peace pact, The Post learned this week.

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Gets COC Complaint

EDWIN ROSENBERG
Peace Pact Violated?

The accusation was contained in a letter from Abraham Feinberg of New York, COC chairman, to Edwin Rosenberg, chairman of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which negotiated the agreement to heal the breech in U. S. fund raising for Palestine.

The Post received confirmation of COC plans to remain in existence in order to make sure the agreement is carried out.

The decision to continue operations was agreed upon at a COC executive meeting on Dec. 5, three days before ratification of the peace pact.

Major Clause Imperiled

The COC is disturbed, The Post was informed, because it believes that one of the major clauses of the agreement already has been circumvented by Zionist Organization of America leaders.

Although the pact stipulates that all monies are to be immediately transmitted to the Jewish National Fund and Palestine Foundation Fund offices, the COC was informed of reports the ZOA leaders have demanded that the Jerusalem headquarters of these organizations authorize their New York offices to disburse funds.

The JNF and the PFF are constituent agencies of the United Palestine Appeal.

This move, which has been consistently fought by the committee, was endorsed by the Jerusalem executive of the Jewish Agency. In a cable to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, the Jerusalem Executive said it "entrusted . . . the U. S Agency members with with "full responsibility" . . .

(Details inside)

According to the Post's informant, the COC is especially disconcerted over what was termed "a concerted attempt on the part of the official Zionist organ of opinion to discredit the opposition in an attempt to weaken the COC's future effectiveness as a watchdog."

Wealthy Visitor Won't Withdraw Suit

Miami Community Promises Help To Reform Temple Sued By Jew

National Jewish Post

MIAMI—Jews and non-Jews promised support this week to Temple Isaiah, the five-month old Reform Temple on Miami Beach, which is the target of a suit by a Jew to compel a halt to its services.

Dan G. Arnstein, transportation magnate and multi-millionaire,, refused to withdraw his federal court suit to enjoin the Temple from further meetings He lives directly south of the premises used by the congregation.

Hurts His Property

Arnstein contended that holding services next door to his home was depreciating his $225,000 property holding. He also charged that the "large crowds which gathered on Friday night" were "disturbing" to him.

Harold Shapiro, president of the Temple, told The Post that he would file an answer.

"We are not trying to change the zoning rules nor are we a nuisance," he said emphatically. "We hope to settle this out of court, but if Mr. Arnstein refuses to meet with the rabbi, we will be ready to answer his charges."

Shapiro said the entire community was shocked by the lawsuit. He said "Rabbi Lehrman and Rabbi Kronish have told me that Arnstein is not affiliated with either congregation. He has taken no interest in Jewish activities on the Beach and appears to have dissociated himself from Jewish life in our city."

Alfred Kreisler, attorney for the Temple, told The Post that the suit was the first of its kind against a temple or a synagogue.

"Our meetings have always been quiet and dignified," he said. "We are using the home only as a meeting place until we can erect our own building."

Non-Jews Back Temple

Other residents rallied quickly to defense of the Temple. Said Mayor Maurice Liberman, "How could anyone object to a church?"

James H. Ruby, president of the Civic League, called the suit "a shame" and said the Temple "can count on us for support." Building inspector E. Hancock said that the area is zoned for one-family residents "but I have always felt that a church should be welcome anywhere."

"I own property to the north of the estate but scarcely know that they have been holding services," B. Burbridge, a councilman said.

Gloria Berry, Sunday school teacher, told The Post that if Arnstein attended services himself he wouldn't be disturbed by the praying.

"God doesn't mind where He is worshipped," she said, "so why should Mr. Arnstein, who spends a few months out of the year here, look down on us for the few hours during the week of devotion to Him?"

Rabbi David Rabb, spiritual leader of the Temple, said services would continue until the congregation was evicted.

Israel Girl Flown To U.S. For Surgery

CHICAGO — (NJP — Little Lea Shiloni underwent a major operation this week at Children's Hospital here after she was flown from Tel Aviv.

Ten-year-old Lea has been afflicted with a heart malformation that has made her a "blue baby" since birth. An Israeli doctor, urged the Chicago trip, on which she was accompanied by her father.

Beigen To Seek Post As Deputy, Not Premier

NEW YORK—Irgun commander Menachim Beigen closed an explosive three-week goodwill tour of the U. S. with an announcement that he will be a candidate for the Constituent Assembly in the Jan. 25 elections in Israel. He left for Paris this week.

When Beigen announced formation of his Freedom Movement last summer he said he would bid for the prime minister's post.

Boarding a plane for Paris, he said he thought his tour was a success. Zionists, anti-Zionists and non-Zionists denounced him as a fascist in New York, Newark, Philadelphia and Chicago, where he made stops on his tour.

Crime Does Pay

NEW YOK—(JTA)—The value of Jewish property confiscated by the governments of Iraq and Egypt amounts to about $80,000,000 in each country, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the executive of the World Jewish Congress, told a press conference here this week following his return from Paris.

CJFWF Meet To Tackle UJA Reconstitution

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The reconstitution of the United Jewish Appeal, major fund-raising agency of U. S. Jewry, will be one of the major problems before the general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, president Stanley C. Myers said this week.

In that connection, the annual UJA conference has been arranged for Jan. 12-13, to precede the 17th CJFWF conference, which has been shortened by one day, he said. It will be held in Philadelphia Jan. 14-16, eliminating Monday, Jan. 17.

Other problems which the Council's Assembly will tackle include coordination of various national and overseas agencies operating in the same fields, fund-raising and budgeting problems for 1949, local operating and capital programs and analysis of major goals of Jewish community organizations.

"Every aspect of the crucial issues troubling American Jewish communities in 1949" will be covered at the conference, Myers said.

Yeshiva U Students Break Prayer Rules, Ousted From Dormitory

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A sharp debate raged this week in the student body of Yeshiva university over the eviction of four students from the college dormitory for violation of morning prayer attendance rules.

An editorial and a special article in the Dec. 16 issue of the undergraduate paper, the COMMENTATOR, vigorously rapped the expulsions and the mailing of several hundred letters to parents warning of failure to comply with Minyan attendance rules.

"The eviction, last Sunday, of four dormitory residents guilty of violation of Minyan attendance, is an event that has made many of us pause and consider whether this measure does not constitute a flagrant violation of all the principles to which Yeshiva is pledged, among them, principles of warm humanity, ethical dealing and freedom of conscience," the editorial said.

The editorial agreed that the issue was not one of the right of dormitory authorities to expel the students but argued that "more attention should have been paid to the individual cases before so serious an action was undertaken."

The editorial cited the case of student X who came to the school after losing both parents in a Nazi murder factory. The student was completely dependent on himself; worked at odd jobs when he could.

"His work this past semester frequently lasted till the early hours of the morning and he often returned to Yeshiva, after a hard night's work, past 2 a. m.," the editorial said. "He was consequently frequently absent from the Minyan. This did not constitute a valid reason for the Dormitory Committee."

The article was written by Henry Keller, a member of the paper's news staff and one of the students whose parents received a letter from the Dormitory committee.

Keller said that the letters were sent by registered mail and said that "it caused me great pain to think that my parents should receive from an institution whose philosophy and direction they thought to be dictated by the loftiest and most idealistic principles of morals and religion—Jewish religion that is—such an evident manifestation of inquisitorial tenderness, and slavish regard for outward appearance."

Keller said the dormitory committee was succeeding if its goal was "to create a group of spiritual yes-men with the unique moral strength of being able to get up, get dressed and run fast enough downstairs, so that they can arrive at the synagogue before 7:40, the time of taking the attendance."

BRITISH RELEASE ALL RABBIS AND YESHIVA STUDENTS FROM CYPRUS

LONDON—(JTA)—The British Foreign Office and the Governor of Cyprus have agreed to release all rabbis and yeshiva students now interned on Cyprus, the headquarters of the World Agudas Israel announced here this week. The British acted on a request by the Agudah.

There are about 300 rabbis and students on the island and together with their wives and children they number about 500 persons. The Colonial Office has authorized that arrangements for the release of these 500 and their selection be placed in the hands of Rabbi M. Semiaditsky, a member of the Agudah executive here who has been flown to the island. Meanwhile, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency have instructed their representatives in the camps to assist in the early transfer of the released internees.

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Leaves Texas Pulpit

RABBI PHILLIPS

Rabbi Phillips Named To Chicago Temple

National Jewish Post

EL PASO, Tex.—Dr. Wendell A. Phillips, one of the most popular Naval chaplains and a leader in social reform in the southwest, is leaving Temple Mount Sinai here to become rabbi of Washington Boulevard Temple in Chicago.

Rabbi Phillips is a member of the executive committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and has been active in welfare and mental hygiene work.

After the war he toured Palestine and wrote and lectured extensively on the politics and economics of the Pewish homeland.

Mrs. Phillips has been active in the field of art. The couple have four sons. They will make their home in suburban Oak Park.

Sen. Wiley Now Sees DP Law Change Need

WASHINGTON—Sen. Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said that "beyond the shadow of a doubt," the new Congress will amend the present DP law to remove "its administrative snarls and iron out its inequities," the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported this week.

Sen. Wiley, who, as a member of the Republican-dominated 80th Congress, defended the law against charges that it was discriminatory and anti-semitic (NJP Aug. 30), called for changes to fulfil "our humanitarian responsibilities" to the DPs.

The Senator made public a letter he recently received from Ugo Carusi, chairman of the DP Commission, in which Carusi said the complexity of the law was a major factor in delaying progress of the immigration program.

Wiley listed among goals that should be part of U. S. immigration policy "fulfilment of our humanitarian responsibilities to the displaced persons irrespective of race, creed or national origin," the JTA said.

New Chanukah Book

NEW YORK—(NJP) — A new book containing the history, laws, customs and legends of the Jewish festival Chanukah, "Feast of Lights," was issued this week by the national education committee of the Mizrachi religious Zionist Organization of America.

Pacy's
Louisville, Ky.
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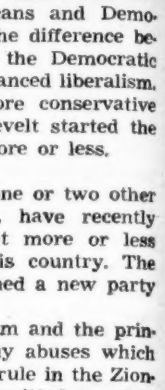
Fort Worth, Tex.

New York

PARTIES FOR ORDINARY VOTER GROWING STEADILY IN ISRAEL

By M. Z. FRANK

THE strongest party in Israel is Mapai, the next strongest is probably Mapam. Mapai, of which David Ben-Gurion is the leader and Moshe Shertok is one of the best-known figures, is a moderate socialist party. Mapam, which Moshe Sneh recently joined, it a Left-wing, but not a Communist party. Then there are the Revisionists, the Heruth (or Freedom) which is Beigin's new party, and the various religious groups: Mizrachi, Labor Mizrachi and the Agudath Israel.



Now what about ordinary, honest-to-goodness citizens, more or less of the American type? In this country, all the political parties mentioned in the opening paragraph are represented by small minorities and play no part in the political life of the country. In Israel they are the ones that count most. What about the opposite numbers of our Democrats and Republicans? Well, they've got them there, too, and that's what this column is about.

The most striking characteristic of Republicans and Democrats in this country is that it is so hard to tell the difference between them. After the last Presidential election, the Democratic party has emerged more or less as the party of advanced liberalism. More or less. The Republicans represent the more conservative element, although, this being 15 years after Roosevelt started the New Deal, they have to accept it as established. More or less.

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IN ISRAEL, THE GENERAL ZIONISTS and one or two other groups uncommitted to any particular ideology, have recently split, and the split has resulted in an alignment more or less paralleling the Republicans and Democrats in this country. The former calls itself General Zionists, the latter formed a new party called "The Progressive Party."

Both parties are opposed to out-and-out socialism and the principle of class struggle and are critical of the many abuses which have grown up in the Mapai party in the course of rule in the Zionist movement and in Israel. Both parties are committed to what may correspond to an American New Deal platform.

The difference lies in this: the Progressives do not believe that the General Zionist "regulars," that is, the Conservatives really mean it when they talk New Deal, and the Conservatives look upon the progressives as merely the Trojan Horse or the fifth column of Mapai within the ranks of the non-Socialists.

Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel-Aviv, a man whom this columnist delights to abuse, on his visit to this country last year, talked like Westbrook Pegler. "You are Red!" he told the members of Hadassah (some Reds!). At a session of the ZOA Executive, Rokach told the members hair-raising lurid tales as to how the terrible Histadruth is worse than the Communists and is suppressing liberty, Judaism, free enterprise and Zionism in Israel, so that one member got up and said he wanted his money back. Even today, some prospective investors in this country argue: "What's the good of investing money in Israel? Rokach told us the Histadruth will confiscate it anyway."

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AT THAT TIME, ROKACH WAS still not a member of the General Zionist party—he thought it was too radical for him. Last fall, when Silver and Neumann were in Tel Aviv, there was a conference of the General Zionists, and Rokach and others joined the party. They agreed to accept a New Deal platform, largely under American pressure. The American leaders felt that now that everybody is agreed on a social and economic platform, there is no reason for a split. But the genuine liberals in the General Zionist movement decided they did not like the company—and who are we from here to tell them there what company to like and what company to dislike?

The bolters declared that, insofar as the world Zionist movement is concerned, they still belong to the World Confederation of General Zionists, but in Israel they cannot vote with the Rokach group either in the Council of State or in the elections for the first Parliament and the Constituent Assembly. On October 10, a thousand delegates from all over the country met in Tel-Aviv, in the Hamimah Theatre and founded the Progressive Party. The leading personality of the new party is Abraham Granovsky, director of the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem; the groups that make up the new party are: the old-time General Zionists A, that is, the liberal wing; Haoved Hatzioni, a General Zionist Labor group, affiliated with the Histadruth; the less defeatist elements of the Aliyah Hadasha (New Immigration), composed mostly of German Jewish immigrants. Minister of Justice Rosenblueth is in that group. Isaac Gruenbaum, Minister of Interior, one of the original opponents to Rokach and his group, is not active politically.

Incidentally, it would not be fair to judge the whole Conservative party by Rokach and his wild talk. Not all of them have that pathological hatred for the Histadruth that he has. But, on the whole, we have a division of Conservatives and Liberals.

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IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT EITHER the Rokach party or the Granovsky party will come out with a large share of the votes in the coming elections. But the Progressives have a better prospect and a better future—that is my opinion nad that is my information.

In the present cabinet, the Conservatives have one representative—Minister of Commerce and Industry, Fritz Bernstein, and the Progressives have two—Minister of Justice Rosenblueth and Minister of the Interior, Isaac Gruenbaum.

My own sympathies are very strongly with the new Progressive Party. I hope I shall have another opportunity to discuss their platform in detail.

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An article on Parties and Elections in Israel by M. Z. Frank will appear in the current (January 1949) issue of the United Nations World, a mnothly magazine published at 385 Madison Ave., New York. The January issue will be on the newstands by Dec. 28.

Work is to begin shortly on a new railway line linking Tel Aviv with Binyamina. This will enable trains to travel between Tel Aviv and Haifa through Israeli territory all the way.

Philadelphia Annual Conclaves Embarrassed

Union Says Welfare Meet Pickets Only Way To Reach Jewish Public

By SAM BUSHMAN
National Jewish Post Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA—(NJP)—A spokesman for the union that picketed the annual meetings of the Allied Jewish Appeal and the Federation of Jewish charities said this week that the picketing was the only way "to bring our case before the Jewish public."

The separate meetings last week both were featured by a parade of pickets outside the hotel where the meetings were held. They carried banners asking the Federation "to meet with us in good faith," and to "grant us a decent living wage."

Seek More Pay

The pickets represented workers at three agencies of the Federation who are members of the Social Service division, Local 2, of the United Office and Professional Workers, CIO. The union is spearheading a campaign for higher wages and union recognition.

The organizations involved were the Employment and Vocational Bureau, Association for Jewish Children and the Jewish Family Service.

No violence occurred at either meeting. The pickets did not urge a boycott of the meeting so labor sympathizers among the memberships of the two agencies were able to cross the picket lines.

Joseph Schatz, president of the local, told The Post that the workers at the three organizations had received their last wage increase early in 1947 after a similar drive. He said they have been trying since April to negotiate another pay boost.

The Philadelphia Jewish EXPONENT, spokesman for the Federation, carried no story on the picketing, though it devoted considerable space to covering both meetings.

Samuel Feldgoise, chairman of the board of the children's association, declined comment. Tillman Cahn, chairman of the board of the Employment and Vocational Bureau, told The Post he had nothing to say about the picketing. He said he had not attended the meeting and had not yet seen the leaflet passed out by the pickets. Samuel Goldberg, Jewish Family Service head, also declined comment.

The mimeographed pamphlet was headlined "Help Us Prevent A Strike." The leaflets said that the workers concern themselves with the welfare of the community and that they wanted the community to concern itself with the welfare of the workers.

Schultz Defends Thomas Committee

NEW YORK — Rabbi Schultz, executive director of the American Jewish League against Communism, this week became the first rabbi to support the House Un-American Activities Committee in a rebuke to Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York.

Rabbi Schultz said that Celler, who called for abolition of the committee, "does not speak for the people of New York." Rabbi Schultz said the committee should not be abolished but that it should be improved.

ZOA Pressure Hinted In Youth Head Shift

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA — Philip Redelheim, former director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization of the Southeastern District, was named director of the Philadelphia Zionist Youth Commission, to succeed Jacob S. Snyder.

The change was reported to have been forced on the Youth Commission because Snyder, a former national president of Masada, incurred the wrath of local ZOA leaders when he took a leave of absence from his Youth Commission post to head the local office of Americans for Haganah and Materials for Palestine.

Snyder remained in charge of the latter office while the group was fighting it out with the ZOA on the national level for jurisdiction in the aid-to-Israel field.

Leaders of the Zionist youth group told The Post that the ZOA had nothing to do with replacing Snyder. They said Snyder did not want to return to the youth post and they were forced to find a replacement.

1949 UJA QUOTA TO BE SET IN JANUARY ATLANTIC CITY MEET

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Quotas for the 1949 United Jewish Appeal, which is expected to top the 1948 goal of $250,000,000, will be set at a three-day national conference announced this week for Atlantic City Jan. 12-14.

The quota-setting meeting originally was set for Dec. 12 but was postponed when a fight developed in the United Palestine Appeal, one of the major UJA agencies.

Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the UJA, said the meeting will set up a unified fund-raising program for 1949 for the UPA, the Joint Distribution Committee and the United Service for New Americans, the three constituent UJA agencies.

WISE

The announcement specified that relief and rehabilitation for the downtrodden Jews of North Africa will be on the agenda.

Pressure to aid the "Forgotten Million" has increased greatly in recent months and with the needs of European Jewry rapidly being met, the JDC was expected to move into that field.

The Committee for the Forgotten Million a U. S. group backed by orthodox elements, now has the only major program in that field.

The announcement said that the United Palestine Appeal is mapping a huge housing program to shelter the thousands of DPs pouring into Israel.

Negev on Agenda

Development of the Negev, sandy southern portion of Israel, also was listed as a goal for 1949 to be considered by the conference.

Five Are Named To ZOA Executive

NEW YORK — (NJP) — Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, announced appointment this week of five new members to the national executive committee of the ZOA.

The additions to the powerful executive include Rabbi Philip Bernstein of Rochester, N. Y.; Rabbi Armond Cohen of Cleveland; Prof. Milton Handler of New York; Joseph Kohn of Philadelphia and Archibald Silverman of Providence, R. I.

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Digest Of The Yiddish Press

BAECK RAPPED FOR REPORTEDLY FORGIVING THE GERMAN PEOPLE

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

DR. Leo Baeck, pre-war Chief Rabbi of Berlin, survivor of Thieresenstadt, now resident lecturer at Hebrew Union College, is the target of a polemical piece by the JOURNAL columnist, Jacob Glatstein.

The columnist is indignant over a report that the saintly septuagenarian recently told newsmen in Hamburg that he "forgives the German people," because it was not they but the Nazis among them who were guilty of Hitlerism.

What right has the liberal rabbi to grant this blanket pardon to the Germans? asks Gladstein. "If they were not guilty, why forgive them?"

Leo Baeck, he adds, is no longer an individual; he represents all those who were brutally treated in Europe. His survival is the chance result of the "reaction chain of a thousand miracles."

The columnist argues that Dr. Baeck does not have the right, just because he happened to survive, to substitute his ideas for the people whose death rattles he daily heard.

And is he correctly reflecting the feelings of those who have been wiped out? asks Gladstein. Did the Germans come to him, acknowledging their sin, and beg for forgiveness? If they had, he might have said to them: "Dear guiltless Germans, I forgive your children, your parents, your in-laws your brothers and sisters who were Hitlerized."

But if the Germans themselves never confess their guilt or shame, why does Dr. Baeck issue a wasted and purposeless and unsolicited writ of absolution? If Dr. Baeck wants to be compassionate, let him forgive the particular jailer who tortured and tormented him, says the columnist. How does he dare, Gladstein wants to know, give the Germans the feeling that millions of their victims would have been as ready to forgive as Dr. Baeck says he is?

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What To Do New Year's? Stay Home; Go Out Saturday

Many Jews are faced with the dilemma this New Year's Eve because the night for revelry falls on the Sabbath. Orthodox Rabbi Nissan Gordon, who runs a column in the DAY, felt sick when he noted signs over restaurants, on New York's East Side yet, reading: "Strictly Kosher New Year's Eve Celebrations Friday Night, December 31." Gordon's plea: postpone the celebrations to Saturday night.

Gordon also reports another interesting movement. Jacob Greenberg, a businessman, has organized a group whose sole purpose is to combat Christian missions. The group, which calls itself the Y'hi Or (Let There Be Light) is concentrating on counter-propaganda work in the W. 72nd St. area of New York, presumably a hotbedlam of mission activity.

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Jewish Territorialism Is Very Much Alive

If you think that Jewish territorialism has died out, you are not on the mailing list of the Freeland League. That die-hard outfit has just issued a prounciamento, with the slogan, "Don't let Surinam become another Uganda." There are only two things wrong with this plea, comments the JOURNAL's A. Zeitlin: 1. The government of Surinam is not extending any invitations, and 2. Uganda, ostensibly offered to Herzl by England in 1903 as an asylum for Jews, was not, and still is not, a bargain.

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Are Jews Helping To Degrade Negroes in D. C.?

Wasn't it ironical observes Chaim Lieberman in the FORWARD, that the UN's adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights should have coincided with the distribution of a report of the shocking degree of segregation that exists in the City of Washington?

The capital of the nation which was the chief proponent of the UN charter is black with daily assaults upon the rights of the colored people, the segregation report reveals.

The report indicates that the situation is becoming progressively worse, that the Negro is trapped in ghettos, that white people in Washington won't even permit their dogs to be buried in the same cemeteries where "Negro" dogs are interred.

The leftist FREIHEIT also gives this report (which was issued confidentially and not for public release by the Committee on Segregation in Washington) a large spread. What neither Lieberman nor the FREIHEIT, nor the Committee, mention, is the substantial share which a number of prominent Jews have in the deliberate continuance of this shameful situation. It is not a pretty story.

There's A Fable About Leopard's Spots

MUNICH—(WNS) — Placards calling on Germans to boyott Jewish stores and shops appeared this week in a number of large cities here, including Fraukfurt and Hamburg.

The placards are signed by an organization calling itself the "German Aryan Boycott Commttee", consisting of former members of the Nazi party. British and American officials to whose attention the incident has been drawn, said they would order an investigation and a search for the men behind the movement.

Barney Ross Heads Revisionist Project

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Barney Ross, former world's boxing champion who returned to Judaism via Irgunism, was announced this week as chairman of a pageant here sponsored by the Palestine Pioneers Foundation, a Revisionist Zionist project.

Ross said that part of the proceeds from the pageant would go to house and equip a farm colony in Israel called Tel-Guiborim near Tel Aviv. He said the rest will go to the foundation for the establishment of other farm colonies in Israel.

Ross last was in public activity when the Revisionists staged an undercover concert for the Irgun in Detroit last summer. He was one of the speakers at the meeting and later came out to try to persuade some Labor Zionist Habonim youth to stop distributing anti-Irgun pamphlets. (NJP June 25.)

Whither Chicago Jews?

CHICAGO—A symposim on the future of the Jewish community of Chicago will be one of the features of an all-day annual institute of the Alumni association of the Chicago College of Jewish Studies Jan. 9.

For Exclusive Features

The National Jewish Post

Camden ZOA Postpones Food Drive To Help Allied Jewish Appeal

By VERA COZEN
National Jewish Post Correspondent

CAMDEN, N. J.—(NJP)—The Camden chapter of the Zionist Organization of America announced postponement this week of the ZOA "Food for Israel" drive in Camden county. Its members, instead, will devote themselves to the mop-up campaign of the Allied Jewish Appeal.

Dr. Harold Berlin, President of the Camden chapter, said that the Camden ZOA has developed complete plans for a food drive in Camden as part of the multi-million dollar national ZOA drive.

Dr. Berlin said the decision to postpone the local drive was made after careful evaluation of the best use of the ZOA manpower to provide maximum help to Israel at this time.

"Since there are still a considerable number of unsolicited pledges in the 1948 Allied Jewish Appeal, the Food for Israel committee, after consultation with leaders of the Jewish Federation and the Allied Jewish Appeal, decided to throw ZOA manpower into the mop-up campaign for the Camden Appeal," the ZOA president said.

Best Place Now

He said the local Zionist group "recognized that the money which could be realized throught this effort for the Allied Jewish Appeal will undoubtedly produce in dollars, at the moment, more than the value of the canned goods which could be colleced in this community."

National Drive Notes

The national ZOA drive will send within the next two weeks, three ships to Israel conaining food collected in the campaign, William H. Sylk of Philadelphia, national food chairman, announced in New York.

He said each of the 24 regions making up the ZOA has already launched an all-out effort to mobilize American Jewry for the drive. The report did not comment on the action of he Camden ZOA.

Sylk said the New England region has started a house-to-house canvas under the leadership of Fred Monosson of Boston. Gov. Shanon of Connecticutt has designated December as "food for Israel month" in that state.

RUMANIAN COMMUNISTS DEMAND PURGE OF JEWISH COMMITTEE

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUCHAREST—Changes in the composition of the Jewish Democratic Committee here were expected this week following a bitter attack on the Committee contained in a resolution adopted by the Communist party here, known officially as the Rumanian Workers Party.

The purge in the Jewish organization which supports the present regime in Rumania, but which is not affiliated with the government party, is due as a result of charges voiced in a Communist resolution declaring that the Committee failed to effectively curb nationalist tendencies among the Jews of Rumania. "It is necessary to reshuffle the Jewish Democratic Committee, introducing progressive elements into its membership," the resolution said.

The campaign against the Jewish Democratic Committee follows a drive started by the Communist Party of Rumania against the Zionist movement, which resulted in the recent closing of the offices of the Jewish National Fund and the Keren Hayesod in Bucharest.

The resolution states that Zionist groups within the Committee "placed themselves outside the ranks of the Committee" by continuously hampering the organization's efforts. It is expected that on the basis of this criticism Zionists will be excluded from the new Committee.

The resolution enumerated the present Rumanian Government's achievements in behalf of the Jews—granting them full equality of rights and making provision for their rehabilitation and reinstatement in jobs from which they were ousted by earlier profascist regimes. "Full rehabilitation, however, has been prevented by Zionists helped by other agencies of Anglo-American imperialism," the resolution declared.

Report Secret Talks By British To OK Israel

PARIS—(WNS) — The provisional Israeli Government has been sounded out secretly by the British Government on the question of extending de facto recognition to the new state, according to the correspondent for the Overseas News Agency attending the UN session.

The ONA correspondent stated that the establishment of a British Consul-General at Tel Aviv would be the basis for such recognition. He said that Laborite elements within the Bevin Government had joined the British Conservative and Labor parties in urging that the British Foreign Secretary take immediate measures toward diplomatic contacts with the new state. He also asserted that there had been British-Israeli consultations at Paris.

Another Jewish Nazi Gets Death Penalty

AMSTERDAM — (WNS) — Bernard Joseph, a 25-year-old Jewish refugee from Germany, has been sentenced to death here after conviction on charges that he had collaborated with the Nazis during their occupation of Holland, and that he had turned over thousands of Dutch Jews to the German Gestapo.

The Jews whom he denounced to the Gestapo, were deported to Poland where they were killed.

Berthold Joseph, the condemned man's father, was sentenced to a 25-year prison term for having participated in his son's diabolic activities.

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CPZ And LZOA Are Not The Answers, Says Rabbi Brickner

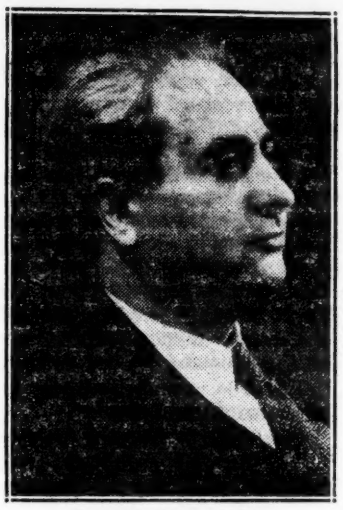
ZOA Leader Says No Zionist Group Satisfies Liberals, Asks New Party

National Jewish Post

CLEVELAND—A call for a new Zionist party in the United States was issued this week by a Cleveland ZOA leader who asserted that "none of the existing Zionist groups offer ideological shelter to the American Zionist who favors a liberal orientation" to Israel.

Rabbi Barnett M. Brickner, president of the Cleveland Zionist Organization of America district, said the time was ripe for a new party "to give the Jewish republic the ideological support which it needs in the United States and in World Zionist affairs."

Behind the proposal was the ferment in the dominant ZOA, which led to the formation of the Committee for Progressive Zionism as the formal internal opposition to the present leadership of President Emanuel Neumann and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, who also is a Cleveland spiritual leader.



RABBI BRICKNER
He's Tired of Wandering

A Question

"I have a question and a challenge for American Zionists who think of themselves as liberals." Rabbi Brickner said. "Do any of the Zionist parties in the United States really reflect your point of view with regard to the direction which you believe the State of Israel ought to take?"

Weight was given to the question and the challenge by the Euclid Avenue Temple spiritual leader's record in Zionism. It included membership in the World Zionist Action committee; membership in the powerful national executive committee of the ZOA; membership on the national board of the United Palestine Appeal and election as delegate to several World Zionist Organization Congresses.

Though Rabbi Brickner has largely withdrawn from the national ZOA scene, he still is regarded as a potent voice for a middle-of-the-road program in national Zionist affairs.

Critical Analysis

Rabbi Brickner offered a critical analysis of the existing Zionist groups.

"The ZOA, despite the public lip service of its leaders and its yeh-yeh policy toward the Pittsburgh Platform of 1918, is the bulwark of general Zionism and general Zionism is generally conservative."

He argued it must remain so, "hitched as it is to the Confederation of General Zionists. Its counterpart in Israel is one of the most minuscule political parties within the Jewish State, a party which is in open opposition to the Mapai," the dominant labor party.

"If one is dissatisfied with the political flavor of the ZOA, where is one to go?" Rabbi Brickner asked. "Some of my friends, notably Rabbi James Heller (of Cincinnati) have tried to solve this quandary by going into Labor Zionism."

Not The Answer

The Cleveland Zionist said this was not the answer.

"The Labor Zionist Organization of America (the Poalei Zion) has an unequivocally socialist platform, and here too the liberal who is not committed to outright socialism is not at home," he said.

"For the Zionist, then, who is eager to support the laborite views of the Histadrut (the general confederation of labor unions in Palestine) and of the Mapai, who thinks that David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Shertok, et al., have the key to Israel's welfare, but is not ready to subscribe to a socialist doctrine, the dilemma is a real one."

Rabbi Brickner also rejected the Committee for Progressive Zionism, asserting that the CPZ "does not offer a sanctuary for the liberal who is left of the ZOA but right of LZOA. For the CPZ is doomed to wage a Sisyphean struggle within the ranks of the ZOA. It is futile to expect victory in tha struggle, not only because of the rightist complexion of the personalities that dominate that organization, but because it is hitched to the conservative Confederation of General Zionism."

He said the only answer is a new party and outlined some of its specifications in these words:

Some Specifications

"This party should commit itself to the support of the Mapai and the Histadrut. Such a platform would support the proposed constitutional accent on Prophetic Judaism, plus a party that would seek to implement its principles on the basis of encouraging both free enterprise and collective enterprise, and work out the way between liberty and economic security, which is the challenge that democracy faces everywhere—in the USA, as well as in Israel."

He said such an American Zionist party would find its alignment with the labor groups in the World Zionist Organization and "should be a source of strength to the present political leadership in Israel."

Rabbi Brickner said he felt he was articulating the feelings of many Zionists "who are tired of wandering in the alien corn of existing Zionist groups."

"If my hunch is correct, let us who share the sentiments herein stated, come together. Let us convoke a meeting, establish an organization, sell shkolim, and make our ideology something to be reckoned with in the World Zionist Congress."

JEWISH AGENCY GIVES PRAISE TO ZOA, CJFWF FOR UPA PACT

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—Satisfaction over the settlement of the conflict in the United Palestine Appeal was expressed in a cable received here this week from the executive of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, addressed to Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, head of the American branch of the Agency.

Expressing "complete solidarity" with the American members of the Jewish Agency executive, the message said: "We particularly desire to stress that the American section of the Jewish Agency, with its past record of great accomplishment in the political field, is entrusted, now as heretofore, with full responsibility for representing, guiding and supervising all activities on behalf of the Zionist movement and the Jewish Agency on the American scene and all organized effort connected with the upbuilding of Israel."

The executive noted with "particular satisfaction that the status and integrity of the historic Zionist funds has been maintained and their authority upheld" in effecting last week's agreement which clarified the questions of disbursement of United Palestine Appeal funds and representation within the U.P.A.

The cable lauded the "valuable cooperation" of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in the negotiations and stressed its appreciation of the "statesmanship and patience" displayed by the leaders of the Zionist funds under the guidance of the American section of the Jewish Agency and the "sense of responsibility shown by all concerned."

Recording its "high appreciation" of the efforts of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish National Fund toward the resettlement of immigrants in Israel, the Jerusalem executive expressed the hope that "backed by the wholehearted support of American Jewry, the UPA will continue to function in the future, as in the past, as a unifying central fund raising agency for the upbuilding of Israel." The two funds are beneficiaries of the U.P.A.

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WHY NOT RESEARCH ON WHAT AMERICA HAS DONE FOR THE JEW?

By CARL ALPERT

A $10,000 scholarship fund has been set up at the City College of New York to provide annual prizes for the best essay on "What the Jews have Contributed to the Advancement of the United States." A wealthy New York Jew, who died this year, provided the funds in his will.

The subject is intriguing. No doubt hundreds of C.C.N.Y. students, angling for the rich prizes, will do considerable research in the contributions of such families as the Gugenheims, Strausses, Morgenthaus, Rosenwalds, Warburgs and Lehmans in "advancing" the United States. Others, with different interpretations of what constitutes advance, may apply themselves diligently to the careers of Brandeis, Cardozo and Frankfurter. Still others will embark on a search for Jewish names in music, art and literature.

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WHAT'S THE POINT of the whole thing? What motivates a Jewish philantropist to encourage study and research in this direction? The answer is apparently to be found in the basic feeling of insecurity which continues to beset the Jew even in the United States. Despite all the assurances of democracy and freedom, Jews still feel the need to justify their existence, and to demonstrate that they are assets to the nation.

The motivation is the same which makes us query: "Is he Jewish?" every time a new name is blazoned in headlines. Our question is worried, fearful if the headliner is in ill repute; hopeful, proud, if he is one whom the world is honoring.

"Thank God Alger Hiss is not a Jew," the timid ones among us mutter, ever mindful of what the neighbors will say, and resume their search for Jewish names among those whom the breath of scandal has not touched.

And so C.C.N.Y. students will take up the hunt. The question of Christopher Columbus' origin will be raised again in scores of student essays, and young aspirants for the scholarship awards will conjecture learnedly on how different the history of the world might have been if the venturesome "Jewish" explorer had not sailed across the unknown sea. And if not for Columbus, how could the United States have been "advanced"?

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I'D LIKE TO SEE the subject reworded. If some one has an extra $10,000 he wants to leave for prize money, I suggest he encourage the writing of essays on the subject: "What the United States has Contributed to the Advancement of the Jew."

Let the writers give some thought to the effect which this great country has had upon the Jews. What has happened to Jewish standards and Jewish ideals and Jewish values in America? How have they been altered—for better or for worse? What has been the impact of American democracy on Jewish education? How does the twentieth-century Jew of New York or Chicago or Los Angeles compare, as man and as Jew, with the Polish Jew of one century ago?

What has been the role of the United States in helping to bring about the creation of the State of Israel? What are the further opportunities for influencing the course of Jewish history from these shores?

The answers to these questions, it strikes me, would have some value, and there would be a point to encouraging young college thinkers to grapple with the problems involved.

Student Group Urges Aid to DPs for Schooling

READING, Pa.—A vigorous denunciation against racial and religious prejudice in colleges and aid to DPs seeking admission to colleges were approved at a conference this week of the Pennsylvania Regional National Student Association.

The 130 delegates to the three-day meeting represented 36 colleges and universities in eastern and central United States.

The resolutions and recommendations were to be referred to member colleges with local campaigns to implement them.

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POTATO LATKES

Number 1

1 tablespoon onion juice, or grated onion
½ teaspoon salt
1 tbsp. flour or bread crumbs
pinc of bakingpowder
¼ tsp. pepper
2 eggs, well beaten
2 cups raw grated potatoes

Peel potatoes, soak several hours in cold water. Grate the potatoes, and drain. Mix ingredients, and drop the batter by tablespoonfuls, to form small cakes, onto a hot, well-greased frying pan. Fry slowly until well-browned on both sides. Serve with applesauce.

Number 2

2 cups raw grated potatoes
½ tsp. salt
¼ cup sour cream orhot milk
2 eggs, separated

Peel potatoes, soak several hours in cold water. Grate the potatoes, place in strainer over mixing bowl, and let drain. The liquid which drains into the bowl will consist of starch grains and water, with the starch grains settling at the bottom. Pour off the water, add the grated potatoes, salt, and sour cream or hot milk, and mix. Beat yolks well, and add. Beat whites of eggs stiff, and fold in. Drop the batter by tablespoonfuls onto a hot well-greased frying pan, and fry slowly until well browned on both sides. Serve with applesauce.

Recipe of the Week

POTATO PANCAKES

With the Chanukah season near at hand, I am sending you a recipe for potato latkes.

Ingredients are two large Irish potatoes, two eggs, I teaspoon salt, two tablespoons of matzo meal.

Grate potatoes, add other ingredients and mix well. Fry in butter or other shortening until light brown.

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Mother of Gerschwin Dies After Illness

NEW YORK—Mrs. Rose Gershwin, mother of the famous composer, George Gershwin, died here last week at the age of 71.

Ira Gershwin, another son who worked with George during his career, was called from Hollywood, where he is a lyricist, when his mother became ill eight weeks ago.

Mrs. Gershwin, who was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and emigrated to this country as a young girl, was actively interested in many charities.

These included the Palestine Lighthouse, a society for Jewish blind, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies and the Joshua Orphan Aid.

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• James Climans, 21 Dundas Sq., Toronto, Canada, writes:

I would appreciate it if you would interpret the meaning of the name Kleinmintz or Climans.

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Kleinmintz is a surname derived from a nickname. It is rooted in an obsolete German word "Kleinmentzer," which meant "a man addicted to excuses and explanations." A great many Jewish surnames were originally nicknames. After a while people forgot the origin and used it as a family name for its convenience.

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• Mrs. A. M. Siegel, 415 S. Shelby St., Louisville, writes:

I would like to have you explain what my name means. It is Russian and was previously used as Siegelovich. I think thats the way it was spelled.

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Siegel is a Jewish surname of ancient origin, composed of three initials, S-G-L. These three initials stand for two Hebrew words—SGan Leviyim (deputy of the tribe of Levy). It is an honorary variation of the name Levy, applied to every member of that ancient Hebrew tribe. Both Levy and Siegel go back more than 3000 years into the very beginnings of Jewish history. Siegelovich means "Son of Siegel."

1,000 Expected For Second USNA Meet

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—More than 1000 Jewish leaders will attend a two-day national meeting at the second annual conference of United Nations for New Americans Jan. 8-9.

Edwin Rosenberg, president of the agency, a constituent of the United Jewish Appeal, said a comprehensive program of assistance for Jewish immigrants in 1949 will be worked out.

A planning committee of civic and welfare leaders representing U. S. Jewish communities to organize the meeting was announced. David Sher of New York was named chairman.

Community leaders on the planning committee include Isidore Feibleman of Indianapolis, Charles Strull of Kentucky, and Mrs. William S. Schwab and Jesse A. Wolfort of St. Louis.

Women's Viewpoint

FLASH! A WOMAN HAS BEEN CALLED TO READ THE HAFTORAH IN N. Y.

BY HELEN COHEN

BRACE YOURSELVES, ladies, the revolution is at hand.

A woman has been called up to read the Haftorah. (See below)

At its Simchot Torah services, the Park Avenue Synagogue of New York, of which Rabbi Milton Steinberg is spiritual head, honored Mrs. Abraham N. Geller as Kalah Mafteret (Bride of the Prophetic Message).

This was in addition to the old custom on Simchot Torah of honoring two members of the congregatin by designating them as Hathan Torah (Bridegroom of the Torah) and Hathan Bereshith (Bridegroom of the Beginning).

In case you're really uninformed (ignorant), the invitation of the Park Avenue Synagogue explains that this practice stems from medieval Judaism and that "on Simchot Torah, the last day of the festival of Succoth, the Torah cycle of the year is completed and then is begun again. The very last section and the very first are traditionally regarded as portions of honor. It has always been the practice to assign these portions to individuals, who, either by their scholarship, their piety or their service to the Jewish community, have merited public tribute. The custom of honoring a Kalah Mafteret is being inaugurated this year, in tribute to an outstanding woman member of the congregation, for conspicuous service tendered to the Jewish community."

Also, in case you're interested, Mrs. Geller was called up to the bimah with these words:

THE INVITATION TO THE KALAH MAFTERET

"With the permission of the Almighty and with gratitude in our hearts for the bounty of His blessings, with prayer in our hearts that the household of Israel and all mankind shall share in His benevolence, as the word of the prophet is to be read—stand forth, stand forth, stand forth DOROTHY GELLER, thou Bride of the Prophetic Message—Forasmuch as thou art chosen for this command, mayest thou ever be worthy of divine blessing."

Nor is this move by the Park Avenue Synagogue an isolated gesture. This paper carried two releases in its Dec. 10 issue that matched if not surpassed it.

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THE FIRST, FROM NEW HAVEN, Conn., reported that, with the consent of all local Orthodox rabbis, the Bas Mitzvah ceremony will include chanting of blessings from the Torah and Haftorah, and reading in Hebrew and English from the Haftorah.

The second item, from Philadelphia, announced that Lily Montagu who, while not recognized as a rabbi, has been the lay spiritual leader of London's West Central Congregation for 20 years, occupied the pulpit of Rodelph Shalom when she addressed a meeting there on the preceding Sunday.

And it is deserving of note here that Beth El Temple in Indianapolis has broken with that tradition for the past year by allowing women to open the Ark on Friday night.

Those women who are having qualms over this new turn of events might ponder the words of Mordecai Kaplan in his "Future of the American Jew."

" . . . the married woman, though subject to the husband's authority, often occupied a respected position in the family and community. This, however, does not mitigate the evil of inferior status . . . A happy lot often goes together with a status of subjection. Thousands of slaves in the South of the United States deplored their emancipation. They undoubtedly enjoyed greater security and were accorded much kindlier treatment than has fallen to the lot of the Negro since the Civil War has made him a free man. But, from the standpoint of human values, that can hardly serve as a reason for regarding slavery as ethical."

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RABBI KAPLAN, WHO HAS BEEN in the vanguard of the fight for womens rights under Jewish law, is a religious thinker of recognized stature, so we would not impugn his motives by wondering what part his four daughters played in his stand.

Let's just say that the Lord considered him a worthy vessel not only to enhance Judaism but also to raise the position of Jewish women, and so blessed him with daughters to get him started along the right path.

(Haftorah—the portion of the Bible following the first five books which comprise the Torah).

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THAT season is here again.

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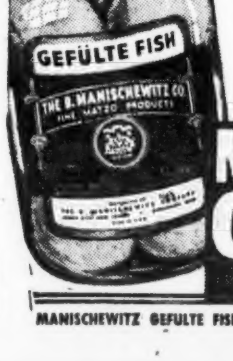

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Some Southern Jewish Leaders

Here are the newly-elected officers of the Southern Interstate Conference of the National Council of Jewish women. They include (left to right) Mrs. Siegfried Guthman of Atlanta, Ga., auditor; Mrs. Nat Williams, Miami, second vice president; Mrs. Stanley C. Myers, Miami, retiring president; Mrs. James Strauss, Lexington, Ky., president; Mrs. Jacob Solomon, Birmingham, Ala., first vice president; Mrs. Bernard Werthan, Nashville, Tenn., secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Henri Wolbrotte, Shreveport, La., and Mrs. Charles Goodman, Memphis, Tenn., members of the board.

New Group Brings Together For First Time Experts In Intergroup Work At All Levels

CHICAGO—A director's meeting will be held next month of the first professional organization to bring together all workers in various phases of intergroup relations in the local, state, national and international fields.

The organization. the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, now is busy compiling FEPC laws and ordinances.

The study is aimed at preparing suggested laws for government units now considering such legislation.

NAIRO was organized at a national conference on race relations and minority group problems which met here in November, 1947.

The second conference last month drew 300 delegates representing 129 local, state and Federal agencies, 23 universities and an observer from the United Nations.

Thomas H. Wright, executive director of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, is president. The group's secretariat is located at the Chicago headquarters of the American Council on Race Relations.

The group seeks to make possible more effective exchange of information in the field and promoting cooperation between official agencies and citizens groups seeking improvement in racial, religious, ethnic and cultural relations.

It will also seek to improve standards of work in the field.

SHUT-IN JEWISH VETS WANT MORE JUDAISM, CHAPLAIN SAYS

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Hospitalized Jewish veterans want to know more about Judaism and Jewish history, and they want a simplified English in the prayer book and more religious symbolism during services and observances.

These findings were presented this week by Rabbi Israel Gerber of Fitchburg, Mass., at a two-day conference of Jewish chaplains serving at military installations and veterans hospitals throughout the northeastern section of the U. S.

Another report was made at the meeting by Rabbi Roland B. Gittlesohn of Rockville Center, N. Y. Both reports were made on the basis of first hand studies made at the request of the division of relgous activities of the Jewish Welfare Board.

First Hand Studies

Rabbi Gittlesohn's studies were made at the Winter General hospial and the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kans., concering Jewish veterans who were mentally ill.

Rabbi Gittlesohn recommended a highly individual approach to the religious needs of such veterans. He proposed that all the new prayers and literature should be carefully examined by psychiatrists before being used.

He urged the elimination of many mystic elements from religion for the mentally ill.

Rabbi Gerber, who interviewed 43 chaplains and 100 patients in Veterans Administration hospitals, urged that the special JWB prayer book used by chaplains should be revised and said that new bedside prayers are essential.

Rome Bars Film On Palestine

ROME—(JTA)—An American-produced film, made in Italy, entitled "The Earth Cries Out," which has as its background the struggle between the British and Jews in Palestine, has been temporarily barred from exhibition here by the film censors in the Italian Foreign Ministry.

The picture was produced by Albert Salvatori, of Los Angeles, using the studio and office facilities of the Lux Film Studios of Italy. Some of the sequences were photographed in displaced persons camps in this country, and others in Palestine.

Film quarters here say that the Foreign Ministry objects to the film because it is anti-British in overtone and thus might jeopardize relations with London, upon whose decision depends in great measure the ultimate fate of the former Italian colonies.

Plans to transform the port of Haifa and the surrounding area into a metropolis of two million, were disclosed here by Mayor Shabbatai Levy, addressing a reception in honor of President Chaim Weizmann.

15,618 DPs Emigrate In Nov. For Record

NEW YORK — (NJP) — The Joint Distribution Committee reported that during November, 15,618 Jewish men, women and children, the largest monthly total since the end of the war, emigrated from Europe.

JDC officials, estimating that December immigration would be even larger, said most of the emigrants went to Israel, with the rest to the U. S., and other countries.

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

(Continued from preceding page)

benefit of her smile.

The lady responded promptly with a bright "Is Santa coming to your house?"

"No," answered Debby, meaning she hadn't made the gentleman's acquaintance.

Turning to me, the passenger said, "She's been a good girl, hasn't she, mother?"

"Yes, she has," said I.

"Well, then, Santa IS coming to her house, isn't he?"

My reply was a pleasant smile and a clear and unmistakable "no."

"Oh," she addressed herself to my daughter again with a quick change of subject-matter, "my, but you have long lashes."

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute changes by radio networks.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26—Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, in the last of four sermons, "I Pity the Atheist," on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a. m., EST, ABC.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26—"The Great Outcry," a drama by Sigmund Miller on "The Eternal Light" program. The program also will feature the first speech in Hebrew on any major network by Isaac Ben-Zvi, president of the Jewish National Council, at 12:30 p. m. EST, NBC.

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Friday, December 24, 1948

The Editor's Chair

SOMETIME AGO I told you the story of Schocken Books, the newest and most influential Jewish cultural influence in the American Jewish community, and I don't want to go any further into the remarkable contribution this publishing house originally from Germany, then transferred to Palestine, and now also in the U. S., is making a revitalized Jewish community here.

But I got a note from Gidon Shocken the other day telling me that I should have taken up his offer of a luncheon on my last trip to New York, for at just about now, he's going back to Palestine. He's been recalled by the Israeli War Office. Gidon, you may recall, was one of the five Jewish majors in the Jewish Brigade that fought with the British all through the latter part of the war in Africa, Greece, Italy and so on.

All during the trying days of the war with the Arabs, Gidon's service here was considered too important, although he was one of the few top officers in the Jewish army, to warrant his recall; but now that the war is over, Gidon is abruptly ordered home.

So I'll have to go all the way to Israel for that free luncheon; but I'd like that better if only I had some way to get there. For the past year now I've been telling everyone I see who is connected with any national Jewish organization, that I should be over in Israel to see what's going on. I do this in the hopes that one of them will have some job over there in connection with publicity that I could perform. But so far none of them has taken up this pointed suggestion of mine.

However, Gidon, I'll take a rain check on that luncheon; and what's more, even though you are a major, I'll expect you to spend some time showing me around Israel.

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THE FACT THAT the national conference of the United Jewish Appeal (Jan. 12-14) and the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Welfare Funds and Federations (Jan. 14-17), will follow each other, making almost a full week of deliberations, bears out a suggestion made some years ago by an inveterate convention-goer that all Jewish conventions be held during a certain week, in order to eliminate the wear and tear on the Jewish leadership. But it is obvious, although the two groups referred to above are as important as any in the American Jewish community, that if all the conventions of all the important Jewish organizations were laid day by day, not even a full year would suffice to encompass them.

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OUR COLUMNIST M. Z. Frank, is beginning to get quite a reputation as a lecturer. When I spoke in Rochester recently, I learned that he was scheduled for a talk there, and I noticed where he's to speak in Albany, N. Y., on Feb. 2. No matter how effective M. Z. is as a speaker, he'll have a long way to go to become as good on the platform as he is with the written word.

Editorial Page

WITH THE RABBIS

Officers and members of Temple Adath Israel in New York met recently to honor Rabbi Henry A. Schorr for 26 years' of service in the New York rabbinate. Rabi Louis I. Newman of Congregation Rodelph Sholom was one of the guest rabbis.

Rabbi and Mrs. Abraham A. Kellner will celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Harold Nathan Kellner, their first born, on Jan. 8. Rabbi Kellner is spiritual leader of Congregation Brothers of Israel in Long Branch, N. J.

Rabbi Moshe Babin, for the past three years assistant to Rabbi Max D. Klein at Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Philadelphia, has accepted a pulpit in Chicago.

Rabbi Israel E. Botwinick was installed as rabbi of Congregation B'nai Jacob of Phoenixville, near Philadelphia.

Charge Zionist Official Used Post Politically

The National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA — Charges that Clarence Freedman, chairman of the Philadelphia Zionist Emergency Council, used his position politically in the last election evoked a sharp controversy this week in local Zionist circles.

Freedman came out in favor of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and has been charged with making public statements and engaging in activities as a ZOA official that were considered political in nature.

A committee was appointed at the last meeting of the ZEC executive board to investigate the charges and was expected to make a report at the board's January meeting.

The night after the election complaints were recovered by the Jewish Community Relations Council about political activities of local Zionists but no action was taken.

Charge Iraq, Egypt Plan To Destroy Jews

NEW YORK—A charge that the 60,000 Jews of Egypt and the 120,000 Jews of Iraq are in danger of extermination as a result of "a deliberate and calculated program" of their government, is contained in the White Paper issued this week by the World Jewish Congress here.

"Unless the tide of persecution is turned back, it threatens the total disfranchisement and uprooting of large and ancient Jewish communities," declares the White Paper, which was released at a press conference by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Executive Committee of the World Jewish Congress.

The two Arab states, declared Dr. Goldmann, have flouted their commitments to the United Nations to respect the rights of minority groups within their borders. He expressed hope that upon receipt of the White Paper the member nations of the UN will communicate to the Egyptian and Iraqi governments their outrage over the mistreatment and abuse inflicted upon the Jews in these countries.

Israeli's Project Constitution

IT can be taken for granted that the projected Israel constitution will meet with severe criticism, but for the Jewish liberal in the United States, and this includes almost all of the present Jewish leadership, the constitution comes as a forward looking document of the most progressive kind.

What the final document will be, will be difficult to envisage; but it is obvious from which quarters the attack on the constitution will come.

The Orthodox leadership will make every attempt to change the document in order to bring under its hegemony, those aspects of Jewish living which traditionally has been within its purview. In this connection The Post, depending upon the extent of the Orthodox criticism, would be willing to go along. After a careful reading of the document, it is the opinion of The Post that religion is practically excluded from every-day living in the document, and except as the document incorporates the ideals of the prophets into law, religion is relegated to an almost insignificant role.

As for the attack from the big-business group; here The Post will side with the document as it stands today. If from this document there evolves a state which may solve the many problems of modern industrial democracy for the benefit of the people, then The Post will say "dayenu." Just to build another capitalist society with its many imperfections and injustices should not be an aim of Israel.

We Jews take pride in the high ideals expressed in the midst of a barbarian society by our prophets 2,500 years ago. Can Israel today bring a new message for a distressed world?

Rabbi Abraham Shusterman of Baltimore writes it this way in his Har Sinai Bulletin:

"Perhaps the victories of 1948 will end with political independence. If so, the story will be complete and Jewish progress will be arrested. Will there be new Hebrew Psalms and Proverbs, new poets and mystics dreaming of God, new prophets to point out the way to a higher life, new God-intoxicated seers in Palestine and here in the United States? This would be glorious consummation and one devoutly to be wished. May God grant it to us and to all descendants of the Maccabees!

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Not The Way To Do It

RABBI Louis Katzoff's letter in this edition, taking issue with the viewpoint expressed in this paper's editorial comment on the suggestion in The Menorah Journal that a new organization of rabbis to replace the American Jewish Conference makes the mistake also made by the Menorah Journal article, of substituting wishful thinking for fact.

With Rabbi Katzoff The Post would like to see the religious authority in the American Jewish community become dominant. But this utopian situation cannot be brought about by merely setting up a national organization and saying here now, you have the control, take it.

For the truth of the matter is that the rabbinate will have to win its way back to supremacy in Jewish life.

Today the Synagogue Council of which Rabbi Katzoff makes mention, is one of the least effective agencies in American Jewish life. Although it is a start in the right direction, Rabbi Katzoff knows that it cannot implement any of its decisions unless there is complete unanimity. Any group in the Synagogue Council has the right of boycott.

The Post has not been responsible for the low estate in which the rabbinate has fallen.

Rabbi Louis Katzoff's thinking and that expressed in the editorial which he questions are not as separated as a casual reading might indicate.

The Post is wholly in accord with the theory of the centrality of the synagogue in Jewish life. That has been one of the consistent editorial policies advanced by this paper.

But to ask that the synagogue as it stands today be made supreme in a Jewish community which has almost completely disregarded the synagogue is not only impractical; it would bring upon the synagogue and the rabbinate such a complete failure as to set back the growing strength of the synagogue for decades.

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Chanukah More Important Today

ALTHOUGH some of us are prone to forget that Chanukah marks the first major battle in history over religious freedom, and that those who fought the battle, were as concerned with ending the subtle attempts of the conquerors to win over the people to their Hellenistic philosophy and way of living, these observations bear repeating.

These two related insights have special significance.

In Jewish tradition as our fathers know it, Chanukah was a minor Jewish festival. There is no continuing admonition on Chanukah as on Passover to "that I am your God who brought you forth from the land of Egypt."

Yet today, in the world in which we live, Chanukah has assumed an increasing importance. Its value in terms of spiritual significance is possibly greater today than it has ever been.

In other words, by emphasizing Chanukah, we are in a sense, creating a new form of observance concretely valuable in the society in which we live today. Chanukah can have more meaning for the Jews of the United States than perhaps it had for Jews of any prior period. If that is true then Chanukah rightly is beginning to assume a place in the Jewish calendar of greater importance than in the past. That is evolving religion; that is in the tradition even of Orthodoxy; new emphasis, new meaning, constant re-interpretation.

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Current Comment

"Must Be Rooted in Cultural Soil of America and the Spiritual Moorings of Judaism," says Rabbi Manfred Swarensky of Temple Beth-El, Madison, Wisc.—"With the passing of time, however, it has become increasingly manifest that, if Judaism is to survive in America, it can rely neither on fading old-world memories nor on the expectation of the possible emergence of a new Jewish pattern in Israel. Membership in "Catholic Israel" does not preclude that each of its branches develop its own characteristics. In our country only such Judaism has a chance to survive that is rooted both in the cultural soil of America and the spiritual moorings of Judaism. A Judaism that exhausts itself in eleemosynary and civic-defense activities, will be as short-lived as one built on secular nationalism. Judaism in America will be a religion-centered Judaism or it will be no Judaism at all.

"This is not to say that American Judaism will have to adapt itself to the denominational pattern of Protestantism or the eccliastic one of Catholicism. It rather means that Judaism will have to become once again "a way of life" bringing into clear relief the spiritual, moral and social values through which the modern Jew can achieve the same sense of personal "salvation" which his fathers attained by devout adherence to a ritualistic regimen. Between the Scylla of medieval supernaturalism and the Charybdis of modern secularism our generation has yet to find the way toward a Judaism which, blending the best in our spiritual heritage with the best in contemporary thought, can claim the loyalty and devotion of the modern Jew. Judaism in America will be religion-centered Judaism."

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HE INSISTS SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL CAN BE CENTRAL AGENCY FOR JEWS

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your editorial of December 10 on Henry Hurwitz's article in the MENORAH JOURNAL reveals a commendable interest in a subject that is rapidly becoming one of the most absorbing issues today, namely, the place of the synagogue in the American Jewish community.

There are several exceptions to be pointed out, however, in your appraisal of the situation and in your criticism of Hurwitz's contentions.

1. Though the synagogue is admittedly weak, your editorial policy has consistently underscored the need to strengthen it as a force in Jewish life. I do not know whether you would advocate emphasizing the centrality of the synagogue, but I think you would agree that the synagogue has been traditionally the focal institution in Israel's long trek through history.

You would probably also agree that Jewish separatism in the American society has its *raison d'etre* in the fact the Jews constitute essentially a religious community.

If these assumptions are true, then does it not follow, at least theoretically, that the agency that should rightfully represent American Jewry should be the synagogue?

2. Your statement that "the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds has been the central Jewish organization in the United States" reflects the general confusion which characterizes our thinking. Perhaps we need a clearer understanding of the meaning of "central." Do you mean to assert that the C. J. F. W. F. typifies most closely the essential character of American Jewry, or for that matter, represents American Jewry to the outside world?

Since when does a co-ordinating agency for fund-raising activities mirror the essential character of a people, powerful though it may be in its actual or potential state?

This confusion of "centrality" is widespread among us. When you enter a small or middle-sized Jewish community, you will learn that the YMHA or the Jewish Community Center is the central institution in Jewish life. When it comes to a matter of the armed services, you will find that the Jewsh Welfare Board represents our people. When President Truman—and before him Franklin Roosevelt—desired an individual who could best represent American Jewry, he chose a president of a theological seminary. Where does the centrality of Jewish life inhere really?

3. It seems to me that the deserving agency which should and could assume the leadership in this matter is the Synagogue Council of America. In this regard, I agree largely with the assumptions of Mr. Hurwitz, to wit, that we must reaffirm the primacy of religion, but I am led to seek the solution in the potential usefulness of the Synagogue Council. There is no need to create a new agency, the proposed J.A.R.A. of Hurwitz, since we have an organization that transcends all the others in importance. It is the only agency that can establish American Jewry once and for all as a religious entity, a realization that should be as clear to us Jews, as it is to the rest of America which differentiates us solely on the basis of religion. Furthermore, the Synagogue Council has proven its validity in the very fact that, at least in some areas, its Reform, Conservative and Orthodox rabbinical and synagogical constituencies have worked cooperatively and effectively. It is not far-fetched to believe that, in the process of maturation of the Jewish Community, it will come to regard the Synagogue Council as the central organization and spokesman of American Jews.

RABBI LOUIS KATZOFF
Easton, Pa.

ASKS ETHICAL RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP SO JEWS CAN KNOW WHO TO BELIEVE

Editor, National Jewish Post:

We laymen have many problems to overcome should we wish to remain observant Jews. The least of them are the economic and social problems. But the most bothersome is the constant challange thrown at us by our non-observant friends.

Time and time again we hear about the outrageous practices of the "holy vessels" (klei kodesh), the grasping shamos, the too-business-like rabbi, the non-observant Hebrew teacher and the trade unionist shochet. As often have I heard the complaint, shouldn't religion teach anything of ethics? As often have I answered that the religion is not at fault. We cannot blame the ideal because of the person who abuses it. Yet, it is these communal leaders whom the average Jew must come into contact with at the diverse moments in life from birth to burial. And to the average Jew, these people represent Judaism. They are the ones who have studied and supposedly know Judaism. And it is these people who cause the feeling, "if that's religion, I'll take vanilla."

So much of our religion ritual is exploited by any one who has the nerve to put the title "reverend" in front of his name! I recall the time when the registrar at one of Eastern Natural Spring resort, that grants discounts to members of the clergy, asked me "What is the difference between a Reverend and a Rabbi?" It semed as if every man who had only a vague connection with some Jewish institution had secured a letter certifying to his divinical authority.

Then there is the policy of hiring (no other word fits) actors to perform on the most sacred of our holidays. These seem to be the height of hypocrisy and sophistry . . . persons who publicly and without scruple profane most every tenet of religion, praying on behalf of a penitent congregation. Add to this the practice of selling tickets to these concerts (services?) on the Holiday and/or Sabbath, and you've added injury to the insult of our intelligence.

How often have we heard of the heartess piracy of burial associations. Only recently a New York newspaper devoted a lead article to this item. Most of the article discussed the Jewish cemetery question because "among the Jewish people there is no one to decide what is and what is not a Jewish cemetery as in other religions."

Like most of us, the rabbi has for himself a definite framework of religion within which he limits his Thou Shalt's and Thou Shalt Not's But for the Congregation, that framework is altered, depending on the members of the community. The question naturally resolves itself to this; how far and when shall the rabbi go along with the congregation, even for the sake of increasing the membership list and modernity.

Very evident this hectic policy, or lack of policy, in deciding what may or may not be considered religious dogma and what is or is not correct religious ritual; what does or does not constitute a breach of religious precept, who may and who may not decide on religious questions; what is and what is not the correct standard by which one is judged ready for ordination, has resulted in a "hefker" that is mortifying. Our spiritual leaders today have permitted these breaches of good taste despite the fact that his own position is affected in that the layman's opinion of the rabbinate in particular and Judaism in general is lowered.

When will our rabbis take a firm stand for the religion they profess? When will they take the leadership back into their own hands? This constant competition for positions must stop. It only results in the congregation taking the one with the most flexibility. It has got to the point that the rabbi who preaches Kashruth and Sabbath observances is considered ultra-orthodox (as opposed to just plain orthodox, modern orthodox, traditional ,torah true, etc.) and therefore, to be abandoned for some one more modern.

The Rabbinate has come into its own. It has become recognized as a profession. Its members are respected men of learning and ability. Its members have become community leaders, they are now known as capable of heading education, social work, Zionism, army liason. Only one thing remains for them to do . . . become known as rabbis.

JUSTIN MAYNAD
Brooklyn

READER WONDERS IF EMPTY PEWS AREN'T CAUSED BY INEPT RABBIS

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I note that there are more than a few rabbis who subscribe to your most worthy paper, and I write in the hope that this letter may reach some of them.

If the Jewish rabbi today faces empty pews on the Sabbath, he can blame this on his own deficiencies rather than on the religious apathy of his Jewish congregation.

I have watched the fanatical fervor of converted pagans to Catholicism in far-off countries and the impressive ceremonies of the Christians in their churches, just as I have attended services of Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform Judaism. I was happy to find the spark of devotion one early morning Sabbath at Temple Emanu-El in New York City. It is true the immensity of the hall, the elaborate enormity of its stained glass windows and soft subdued light lent itself to the quietness, composure and meditation one felt soon after arriving. But all this served only as a background for the beautiful dignity of the service, the clear eloquent tones of Rabbi Marks vibrating with the sincerity of his prayers, transmitting its devotion to the hearts of his congregation.

In sharp contrast to this, I attended services the following week in a Conservative synagogue in upper Manhattan. Here too was an impressive altar, carpeted aisles, soft seats, high domed ceilings and elaborate windows, but the services were hurried through to save time for the guest speaker. The prayers were uttered in a quick monotone, the Holy Scroll was taken from the Ark, and with little gentleness dumped on the table, the silver bells ringing its definance. (Does not a rabbi know that these holy mementos should be handled with reverence and devotion?) The end of the service, and the talk that followed soon after left me unmoved. An hour of quiet reading at home would have fulfilled the purpose to better advantage.

If the prayers in the service are just daily routine to a rabbi as a means of livelihood to be automatically dispensed with without sincere devotion, then the rabbi would do better in some other profession. He is the leader—the teacher—and it is the note struck by him that sends the responsive chord out to his congregation.

When a rabbi is intensely devoted to his cause, news soon reaches by word of mouth, and the congregation will flock to hear him and be guided by him. As for those rabbis who face empty pews, look inwardly to find out the real cause of this failure.

(Mrs.) BETTY BERNBACH
New York.

Raps Feinberg, Backs Tabak In Israel Talks

Editor, National Jewish Post:

At this time, I feel obligated to take issue with Abraham L. Feinberg of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto in his fight against the re-establishment of a central religious authority in Jerusalem.

When Rabbi Israel Tabak spoke on behalf of the orthodox Jews of the United States and Canada, he spoke on behalf of the Jews who recognize the authority of law. There is such a thing as a Jew who is not observant, but there is no such thing as a Jew who does not recognize the authority of law. So we can truthfully conclude that Rabbi Tabak was speaking for all Jews in the United States and Canada.

A central religious authority, which would be known as a Sanhedrim, could only help Judaism in the world to prosper. Such authority would have the right to make changes in Jewish laws and customs, as well as to confirm rabbis with the degree of a Rabbi in Israel.

I don't consider it necessary to discuss the point of view of the Reconstructionists, since they just about repudiate everything which is constructive in the Jewish religion. And since they represent such a small minority in American Jewry, I don't think it is fair to me to take any more space to discuss their point of view.

PAUL J. HAAS
Dayton, O.

TEMPLE U. HILLEL STUDENTS AVID FOR JEWISH CULTURE, REPORT

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I believe that the readers of the National Jewish Post will be happy to know of the renewed interest in Hebrew and Jewish culture evident on the Temple campus. There is little need to emphasize the prominent role which Hillel played in the following program.

Recognizing the profound influence which the Hebrew language—the language of the Bible—has had on the religious, social and political life of humanity, and following the trend of contemporary events and collegiate educational moves, Temple University this past September established the Abraham M. Ellis Chair in Hebrew Culture and Education. Five regularly accredited courses were offered to the general student body for the first time; i.e., two courses in Elementary Hebrew, Intermediate Hebrew, Advanced Hebrew, Masterpieces from Hebrew Literature in English Translation, and Bible Prose and Poetry, with Dr. Joseph Levitsky, of the United Hebrew Schools and Yeshivot of Philadelphia, appointed as full time instructor of the Chair. The courses are accredited toward the Bachelor's and Master's degrees, and will help to further intellectual understanding and community relations among the students and future leaders of our communities.

It is good to report that the response to the establishment of this Chair has been very favorable and some 60 students are taking advantage of these courses. There is no doubt that this small number will be doubled the second semester of the school year. We are sure, that in the words of Job, "Though thy beginning may be small, thy latter end will be greatly increased."

This very fine beginning, your readers will agree, augurs well for the future of Jewish educational attempts and offered facilities on the Temple University campus.

RABBI ALEX GOLDMAN
Director
Philadelphia

Turks Oppose Fight

ISTANBUL — (JTA) — A bill which may deprive Turkish Jews serving with the Israeli armed forces of their Turkish nationalty will soon be introduced in the Turkish parliament, it was reported here this week.

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Fifty National Cultures In Israel Population Pose Problem Of Jewish Melting Pot, Says Expert

PHILADELPHIA—The first Jewish State in 2,000 years faces a real problem in developing a single people from a population made up of Jewries from all parts of the world who are more different in culture than they are alike.

That was the argument of Dr. Raphael Patai, Hebrew Anthropologist, the second speaker on a series of lectures sponsored by the newly-established Institute for Israel and the Middle East of the Dropsie College.

Speaking on the topic of "Israel, the Jewish Melting Pot," he pointed to the existence of more than 50 different communities from all parts of the world as making up the present population of Israel.

He said the mixed makeup of the population was "a highly charged dynamic situation," and suggested that the opposing forces and trends in such a mixture might bring conflict.

"Each community brings along to Israel its own traditional culture, its language, outlook, character and personality, widely differing from one another," he said. "In the cultural and social situation in Israel, one can observe the working of certain forces making for the continued segregation of these communities and for the perpetuation of their differences."

The anthropologist, however, also noted probably even stronger forces at work in the opposite direction. He listed "common schools, common newspapers, social and economic contacts, common ideals and aspirations."

"All these tend to obliterate, or at least to diminish rapidly the heterogeneous character of the various Jewish communities," he said.

He said the various communities fall into three large divisions: the Ashkenazic, made up of those who formerly lived in Eastern and Central Europe; the Sephardic, made up of the Jews of Italy, the Balkans and Turkey; and the Oriental Jewish groups who come from all the countries of the Middle East.

He said there was a fundamental problem in achieving a single ethnic group. He said a certain amount of intermarriage exists but that it was still a question whether such marriages will grow enough in number to deal with the problem.

He foresaw for some time "some element of conflict between the forces making for continued segregation and the maintenance of differences, and the even stronger cultural, economic and social forces that will inevitably make for development of a single people."

PHILLY BB BOWLING LEAGUE QUITS ABC TO PROTEST BAN ON NEGROES

National Jewish Post

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia B'nai B'rith bowling league withdrew this week from the American Bowling Congress in protest against the organization's discriminatory restrictions. A clause in the ABC rules restricts entry to members of the white race.

BB officials said the action would affect all 16 teams which participate in the local league. They said they did not want the league to play in an organization with a ban which was "the very opposite of the work of B'nai B'rith."

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Jews In Sports

LOOKS LIKE SID LUCKMAN READY TO QUIT AS PLAYER

By HASKELL COHEN

LOOKS as though Sid Luckman has finally called it a day with the Chicago Bears. The Brooklyn kid only played a few minutes in the important game against the Cardinals which saw the latter club take the Western section of the National pro loop. Sid went in late in the game and almost got his team out with a win. George Halas played Johnny Lujack at quarter most of the time and rushed his alltime star in when the going got real rough late in the contest.

Sid is the owner of an automobile agency in the Windy City and has a profitable summer resort 70 miles outside of New York City. He will not lack for financial security in the future. Halas thinks the world of his Jewish stalwart and wants him back next fall as backfield coach. Undoubtedly the former Columbia U. flash could command a college coaching position if he so desired.

Sid Gillman, Army assistant coach, is named prominently as a possible successor to Ray Nolting as coach of the University of Cincinnati. Grid experts claim that Sid was the first mentor to employ the platoon system, now the bane of many teachers. Sid started with the platoon system a few seasons back at Miami of Ohio. It is interesting to note that once he got to West Point the Army eleven went in for the shuttle style of play in a big way.

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SID Tanenbaum is beginning to come around with the N. Y. Knickerbockers. It remains to be seen whether of not he will score in the high brackets. It seems that one of the high scoring lads on the quintet resents the fact that Sid was given a raise that put him among the highest paid men on the roster. Said star told Tanenbaum frankly, "I'm not going to pass to you, you get more money than I do." Regular patrons of the Knick games have noticed that this boy wasn't passing to the Jewish lad. Of late, however, the two have been playing in the same combination so there is a good likelihood that the errant player has decided that Mr. Tanenbaum can be of great help, after all.

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WE have been taking in the high school basketball games in New York City and must marvel at the brand of ball played by Metropolitan kids. Some of the clubs are so big and clever that they could very well take many college quintets. A good many of the stars are Jewish. Unfortunately not all are snapped up by colleges and consequently many would-be stars are stopped before they get their chance to make good.

A prominent coach outside of New York City, after watching his freshmen from New York in action, has informed this corner that from now on he wants nothing but big city players. He has three New Yorkers, including two Jewish kids, who make the rest of his freshmen and varsity players look sick by comparison. Their knowledge of the game already is far superior to that of three year veterans.

AZEC FORMALLY LISTS COUNCIL AMONG ACTIVE ENEMIES OF ISRAEL

NEW YORK (NJP)—The American Zionist Emergency Council formally listed the American Council for Judaism this week among enemies of the Jewish State seeking to influence American public opinion against Israel.

The reference was made in a report by Abe Tuvim, newly-appointed executive director of AZEC, the central coordinating body for all U. S. Zionist groups.

Sketching the work of Zionist leaders in mobilizing and keeping American Jewry united in the series of crises that followed the United Nations partition decision, Tuvim warned that "there is still a long and treacherous trail ahead of us."

"We must remember that we have a formidable army of force against us spending millions of dollars each year," he declared. Then, he listed the groups seeking to turn U.S. public opinion against Israel by name.

They included the British Information service, "the Institute of Arab-American affairs, the missionary groups, the oil interests and the American Council for Judaism."

Montreal Star Reverses To Rap British Policy

MONTREAL—(WNS)—The influential Montreal Daily Star, one of the leading Canadian newspapers, carried a sharp attack against Great Britain's alignment with Transjordan against Israel.

The editorial has made a profound impression upon the Jewish community here, since the Montreal Star has been consistently following a pro-British policy.

The newspaper pointed out that Transjordan was an aggressor, and that by helping an aggressor, Britain was violating the rules of the United Nations.

The editorial was occasioned by the recent British assertion that if Transjordan is attacked, Britain would have to come to its aid under a mutual defense pact. The paper said that the agreement was binding upon both countries only in the event one of them was attacked, but that it was inapplicable in a case where one of the parties to an agreement finds itself involved as a resut of an act of aggression of its own initiation.

Pins First President of National Youth Group

NEW YORK—Arnulf M. Pins, Patterson, N. J., has been elected chairman of the National Jewish Youth Conference, it was announced this week. The conference, under sponsorship of the Jewish Welfare Board, was created last September by a parley in Narrowsburg, N. Y.

Wildcat Aid-to-Israel Hit Again By ZOA

NEW YORK—(JTA)—A campaign against "the many unauthorized and uncoordinated efforts" which are now being launched in the United States on behalf of Israel was launched this week by the Zionist Organization of America.

A resolution made public by the ZOA requests that the United Palestine Appeal, the American Zionist Emergency Council and the American section of the Jewish Agency, as duly constituted Zionist bodies, assert their proper authority "to ensure an ordered and effective organization of all such activities on the scene."

Twelve thousand citrus workers including 1000 Arabs, all allocated by the Israeli manpower control, have begun harvesting this year's citrus crop.

Swiss Expected To O.K. Israel Next Month

BERNE—(WNS)—The Swiss Parliament, slated to meet early in January, is expected to act favorably on the recognition of Israel, it was disclosed here this week by a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry.

The spokesman said there was reasonable ground to believe that the Parliament will vote full de jure recognition of the new Jewish State.

Cager Melamed Sold To Indianapolis Team

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Lionel Melamed, former City College of New York basketball ace, was sold last week to the Indianapolis Jets by the Rochester Royals of the Basketball Association of America.

Melamed saw little service with the Royals, who announced that the sale was a straight cash deal.

Italy DP Group Quits

ROME—(JTA)—The Organization of Jewish Refugees, which was set up in 1945, announced this week that it has ceased to function and that its formal demise will occur by March, 1949.

Magnes Memory Honored At N.Y. Meet

NEW YORK—(JTA)—Leaders of all walks of Jewish life this week attended a memorial meeting honoring the late Judah L. Magnes, former president of Hebrew University in Jerusalem, who died here in October. Eliahu Epstein, Israeli representative in Washington, and former Governor Herbert H. Lehman, were among the principal speakers at the memorial, which was held at Temple Emanu-El.

Paying tribute to Dr. Magnes, Epstein said that although Magnes' practical suggestions to reach relations of mutual friendship and trust between Jews and Arabs may be outdated by now, his underlying conception is fully shared by the people and government of Israel today.

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Thoughtfully yours,
DENA WENGER

HE SURE DOESN'T ACT LIKE A JEW

"Ah, oh, eh," said Jewish Freddy.

"Ah, oh, eh," repeated Christian David Johnson.

"O. K. Now Dave, this letter that looks a little bit like a question mark is a 'bez'. It sounds like a 'b'. Now say 'bez'."

"Bez," David repeated laboriously "Gee, Fred, this is fun. Teach me some more."

Freddy grinned at his best friend. "I don't know much more," he confessed, "but each time after Hebrew school I'll tell you what we learned Say, Dave y'know what? I'll bet you'll be the only kid in school who isn't Jewish that'll be able to speak Hebrew."

"Boy, that's keen," David replied enthusiastically, 'n then when we don't want anyone to know what we're saying we'll speak Hebrew like a code. See? 'Course, all the Jewish kids will know what we're talking about." David looked a little disappointed.

"No they won't, David; they don't all go to Hebrew school."

"They don't? Well, gee, how come?"

"Oh, I guess they don't think it's too important. You know that boy who sits in front of me? He doesn't go. He's Jewish."

"Golly sakes, he is?" David exclaimed. "Well, he sure doesn't act like a Jew!"

"Aw, Dave, Jews don't act any different than Christians. I don't act any different than you do."

"Sure you do, Fred. You go to Hebrew school and to services on Saturday morning. Y'get Chanuka presents, you have candles in your house on Friday night. I mean different like that."

"Well," Freddy felt called upon to defend his Jewish classmate, "he's a nice guy though."

"Sure, Freddy, I'm not saying he isn't. He's keen, and his mother is swell, too. She's always inviting us to play in their game room, and she doesn't care how much noise or mess we make. Boy, he sure has some swell stuff down there, all kinds of games and a movie set. Say, "David suddenly remembered, "No wonder I didn't know he was Jewish, he said he got that set for Christmas. Remember, Fred?"

"Well, he didn't have a tree so maybe he meant Chanuka." Freddy was uncomfortable.

"Well, he didn't say Chanuka; he said Christmas. Say, and you know that holiday that you stayed out of school for a few weeks ago?"

"You mean Succoth, David? That was a day of Thanksgiving. We had a wonderful time at the services and at home too."

"Well, he sure didn't act like a Jewish kid that day; he was in school. I'll bet the teacher thought that was funny, because she knows he's Jewish, doesn't she?"

"I guess she does." Freddy thought for a moment. "Hey, Dave maybe she thought it was funny that I stayed home."

"No she didn't, Fred, 'cause that morning she said to me, 'David will you please pass the song books today and tomorrow? It's Freddy's duty this week, but he won't be in school these two days; it's a Jewish religious holiday.' See, she expected you to be out. It was the right thing for y.ou to do if you're a Jew Would't it seem funny to your if I didn't do Christian things like going to church on Sunday and learning Christmas carols 'n' things like that? Well, it seems funny to me that that kiddoesn't act like a Jew by doing things the Jewish way like you do."

Sensitive Freddy was silent for a moment.

"Hey, Dave, maybe it's not his fault. Maybe he doesn't know those things 'cause his folks don't teach him. It's easy for us, Your Dad's a minister and you've had Christian living around you always, and me, well, my folks were born Jews and they've always taught me that although most of the people around me were Christians, my way was the Jewish way. I'm proud of it and that's why I like Hebrew school so much; it's all Jewish and it's fun. I bet that kid would think so, too, if his folks would send him and maybe, sorta—" Freddy floundered for a moment—"sorta help him like it."

"Does his mother know there's a Hebrew school?" David asked.

"Sure she does 'cause I asked her if he could go 'n' we could take the bus together after school; but she said she didn't see how she could squeeze in Hebrew school on account of his music lessons, so she just guesed he could grow up t'be a good Jew without Hebrew school."

"Well, he's not growing up t'be a Jew at all," David insisted. "He's just—well—he's just not—not anything I guess—except a nice guy," he added charitably.

"It would be more important for him to go to Hebrew school and just sorta squeeze the music in some place," Freddy pondered. "Y'know what, Dave, someone ought to tell his mother."

"Yeh", Christian David Johnson agreed, "someone ought t'tell her."

DEAR Boys and Girls, Sholom:

If you have read our first two letters to you, you should have noticed that today we used the Hebrew word "Sholom" in addressing you. Those who are now going to Hebrew schools certainly know what that word means. It was probably the very first word that you learned when you began first grade.

"Sholom" is that peculiar word that means both "hello" and "goodbye." It also means "peace." And you will notice that we will use that word each week when we start our letter and then again, when we end it.

We wonder how many of you know that the name of the city, Jerusalem, in Hebrew comes from the word "Sholom." Jerusalem, which you have probably been seeing on the front pages of your daily newspapers so often lately, in Hebrew, is "Yerushalayim," or The City of Peace.

Those who have studied or read about the great and wise king, Solomon, will be surprised to know that his name, "Sholomo" also came from the word sholom, peace.

Sholom is a very popular word indeed in the Hebrew language. Why, you've probably used the word many times without realizing it. Try to think of how many songs you sing in the synagogue, Hebrew school, Sunday school or at home that contain the word "sholom" and let us know as many different songs you, yourself, know that have the word in it.

Until next week, then,
Sholom,
The Editors

How To Join The Junior Post League

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Things to Think About

Our forefathers came to this country because they wanted a place where they could worship God in their own way. Here in America no one thinks you're odd if you observe your own customs and traditions. They think you're odd if you don't . . . What do you think?

D. W.

Harvard Prof Wins Jewish Book Award

WASHINGTON—Dr. Harry A. Wolfson, Harvard University professor, won the $500 first prize for the best non-fiction Jewish work of the year of the Jewish Book Council of America.

The prize was given for his book, "Philo-Foundations of Religious Philosophy in Judaism, Christianity and Islam." The award was part of Jewish Book Month which ends Dec. 26.

Egypt Sabotaged UN Seat Bid By Fake Attack Yarn, Says Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel—The Government of Israel formally charged this week that Egypt had sabotaged Israel's bid for immediate membership in the United Nations by a perfectly timed and completely false report of an Israeli attack in the Negev.

The Egyptians had widely circulated reports of a Jewish attack on the trapped Egyptian garrison at Faluja in the Negev. The reports gave in realistic detail information about a tank, artillery and air attack.

The charge was immediately introduced at a meeting of the Security Council and was believed to have played a major role in the failure of the Council to approve the Israel application.

"It is now clear that this was a fake charge designed to create an unfavorable impression in the Security Council at the very moment when the question of Israel's admission was being discussed," Lt. Col. Moshe Perlman of the Israel army said.

UN Rep Not Accused

The charge was introduced at the Security Council meeting by Dr. Pabla Azcarte, UN representative for Egypt. Perlman did not accuse Azcarte of direct participation in the fraud, saying that the Egyptian UN representative had acted in good faith.

Perlman said nothing better than such a trick could be expected from Egypt but that participation of a United Nations official was "very unfortunate" and could do the prestige of the UN little good.

At Haifa, UN observers said they could not confirm the Egyptain charges and the Egyptian Government at Cairo dropped a veil of silence over the alleged attack.

Israeli representatives had been anxious to obtain Security Council approval because a new Council membership will soon be named. The application would have to be approved also by the General Assembly which is scheduled to reconvene in April at Lake Success.

Minority Groups Prefer To Evade Issue

N. Y. ANTI-BIAS JOB LAW PERILED BY IGNORANCE ON HOW TO USE IT

NEW YORK—Successful operation of the New York state law against job discrimination is jeopardized by the fact that only a tiny proportion of the N. Y. population knows enough about it to make use of it.

This was one of the major findings of a survey announced this week by the Commission on Community Interrelations of the American Jewish Congress and the Research Committee on Intergroup Relations. The latter group is an independent body of social scientists from New York state colleges and universities.

"The number was particularly small among those suffering most from the effects of discrimination—members of minorities, manual and white collar workers, and the uneducated," the report said.

The sample interviewed included Protestants, Catholics, Jews and Negroes. One out of five reported experiencing personal discrimination in employment.

Everybody Thinks So

The survey said that "discrimination is widely believed to exist in all branches of industry and occupations in New York City, especially in heavy industry, public utilities and finance."

The survey disclosed that many minority group members, including Jews, tried to evade discrimination by looking for work in fields they believed to be open to them.

"Substantial proportions" of minority groups would rather evade discrimination than fight against it by direct action. Majority and minority Americans showed approval of changing names to avoid discrimination, the survey found.

Ignorance Widespread

The survey said that only eight per cent had any real knowledge of the state anti-discrimination law and 56 per cent thought it was easy for employers to circumvent it.

The survey report recommended a widespread campaign to acquaint more people with the law and to fight the impression that it was not effective.

Another recommendation was that it was necessary to change the present readiness of many minority groups either to deny the existence of discrimination or to become resigned to it.

Congress Plans Drive To Raise $2,000,000

PHILADELPHIA (NJP) — A drive to raise $2,000,000 in 1949 was approved this week at an all day special meeting of the nationaltional administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress.

The committee approved a budget for that amount submitted by Harold B. Cohen, chairman of its national finance council.

Most of the Congress funds come from allocations by the United Jewish Appeal in New York and similar grants from local federations throughout the U.S.

Louis Lipsky, Zionist pioneer told the meeting that all U. S. Jews should work through their various organizations to achieve a unified nation-wide representative body. Such a body, he said, could take the responsibility for solving Jewish problems through democratic action.

British To Seek Claims For 5 Spy Defendants

LONDON—(JTA)—The question of the payment of compensation to Frederick Sylvester and four other Britons captured by the Irgun Zvai Leumi in Jerusalem and then turned over to the Israeli Government for trial on charges of espionage in behalf of the Arabs is being considered carefully by the British Government, Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin this week told the House of Commons.

Poale Agudas Head Starts U. S. Tour

NEW YORK—A prediction that Poale Agudas Israel, ultra-orthodox coalition of four religious labor groups in Israel, will become the second strongest political group after the January elections was made this week by its president.

Benjamin Mintz arrived for a two weeks visit in the United States. He will visit Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago and Cincinnati.

But There's A Reason In Particular Case

Two Atlanta Jewish Religious Classrooms Have Yule Trees

National Jewish Post

ATLANTA, Ga.—The classrooms of two Jewish religious schools were festively bedecked this week with Christmas trees.

This weirdest of stories on the perennial debate over Yuletide observance for Jewish school children started last September when the E. Rivers school, a public school in Fulton county, burned down to the ground.

The Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, also known as the Temple, and Congregation Ahavath Achim came to the rescue with an offer of their facilities which was gratefully accepted by school authorities.

Then, as the Yule season approached, Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild of the Temple, asked the public relations committee of the Jewish Community Council for its views on a problem: What should be done if the school superintendent asked the congregations to decorate the substitute classrooms for Christmas?

The committee decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the rabbis, asking only that they act jointly on any decision.

The rabbis did. They informed the superintendent that the classrooms were at his complete disposal. Up went the trees.

The issue worked out differently in each case. The classrooms of Ahavath Achim congregation are located in a separate building in uptown Atlanta, called the Education Center.

The Temple classrooms are in the rear of the main auditorium. The Temple, however, conducts a Sunday school only, and so the children did not see the Christmas trees which were set up on the Monday before and taken down on Friday when the term ended.

The Educational Center Religious and Hebrew School is holding classes during the week and the presence of the trees is being explained to youngsters in an appropriate manner.

Emotional strains were suffered by some of the teachers, who had to give instruction in Hebrew in the shade of a Christmas tree and amid scenes of the nativity.

The attitude of the Atlanta Jewish community runs from satisfaction by those who regard the accidental situation as a fine gesture of good will to severe criticism from those who think otherwise.

The critics are arguing that the presence of Christmas trees in a place of Jewish religious instruction has a harmful effect on Jewish educational efforts, which they say are pitifully wobbly as it is.

They argued that no amount of explanation can erase the mental picture of Yule observance for the youngsters, many of whom secretly desire it in their homes and for the introduction of which they are seeking some justification.

BRITAIN AND ISRAEL EXCHANGE CHARGES AS RELATIONS WORSEN

LONDON—Relations between the Jewish State and Great Britain reached a new low this week in a series of charges and counter-charges against a background of puzzling rumors that England soon will recognize Israel.

The rumors were attributed to responsible sources by the Overseas News Agency which said England soon will establish a consul-general's office in Tel Aviv. (Details inside)

The charges were much more specific and began when Britain announced that if Israeli troops attacked Aqaba, the Red Sea Port at the southern tip of the Negev, Britain would be obliged by treaty to come to the defense of Transjordan.

Israeli officials promptly denounced the implied aggression charge and reminded Great Britain that under the United Nations partition decision a part of the approaches to the port were in Israeli territory and that Israel intended to protect that area.

The next move was Israel's and came in a blast from Washington where the Israeli mission issued a statement charging the British with 13 violations of the embargo to the Arab countries in the past six months.

British Deny Everything

A British spokesman here categorically denied those charges and labeled them nonsense.

The next move was by the British. They announced that a British Mosquito fighter had been shot down by an Israeli fighter plane over Tel Aviv. The Israeli said the announcement solved a mystery. A spokesman explained that the plane was first seen over Haifa and that an Israeli plane trailed it to Tel Aviv, down to Rehovoth and back to Tel Aviv. The Israeli had tentatively labelled it an Egyptian plane.

The Israeli spokesman said that the fighter plane pilot assumed that any foreign plane cruising over Israeli cities at 20,000 feet was not on a friendly mission and attacked it. The plane crashed into the sea.

The Israeli then issued a statement announcing that five Egyptian tanks captured in a Negev battle near Nirim two weeks ago were British "Locusts" made by the U. S. and ordered by Britain for use in the last war.

Churchill Asks Questions

The Labor Government then got a buffeting from the Conservative party. Winston Churchill and Anthony Eden, both of whom last week demanded immediate recognition of the Jewish State, challenged the Government to explain what a British fighter plane was doing in a war theater.

Arthur Henderson, secretary for air, said the plane crew of two men had received orders to make the flight. He declined to make any further explanations.

KOSHER MEAT DEBATE HOTTER; BEN-GURION RAPS CONTROVERSY

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV—Premier David Ben-Gurion announced this week that the government is making every effort to import kosher meat for all persons who want it. He added that there are no differences of opinion on this issue among members of the Israeli Cabinet.

Ben Gurion's statement was issued after Rabbi I. M. Levin, Minister of Religion, and Moshe Shapira, Minister of Immigration, criticized the government for permitting the importation of non-kosher meat by granting foreign exchange for this purpose.

The Israeli Premier announced that a four-member committee had been instructed to bring before the next session of the Cabinet recommendations regarding the question of meat imports.

Voicing opposition to what he called a "Kultur Kampf," which he said has begun with the question of meat imports, Ben-Gurion stressed that "there are still big tasks ahead of our generation—greater than any Kultur Kampf—and we must concentrate on those matters—on which we are all united: victory in the war and immigration of the Jewish people to Israel."

Two weeks ago, a group of Orthodox Israeli staged a public demonstration against importation of non-kosher meat. They demanded the immediate enactment of laws barring importation of meat.

ORT Students Falling

NEW YORK — (JTA) — The number of students in vocational schools maintained by ORT for displaced Jews in Germany, Austria and Italy is gradually declining as a result of increased emigration from the DP camps to Israel and the United States, it was revealed this week in a report on ORT activities for the first ten months of this year, made public by George Backer, president of the organization.

More Israel Visitors

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New Homes Started On Warsaw Ghetto Site

WARSAW — (JTA) — Construction has been started on the first buildings to rise on the site of the former Jewish ghetto of Warsaw. Eventually some 10,000 families will be housed in one hugh project which will stand on Muranov Street, one of the major famous streets of the old ghetto which was razed by the Nazis during and after the famous uprising of the Jews in April, 1943.

British Jews Fight Anti-Schechita Drive

LONDON—(JTA)—The Board of Deputes of British Jews decided this week to take all possible measures to ward off the danger of Parliament's repealing the special provisions for ritual slaughter in the Animal Slaughter Act. Several speakers at a meeting of the Board pointed out that anti-Schechita campaigns have been used by anti-Semites in many countries to prepare the ground for a general anti-Jewish attack.

Aaron Zeitlyn, Chairman of the Board's Schechita committee, reported that an anti-ritual slaughter drive—which began in Hertfordshire—is now spreading throughout Britain. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has sent a pamphlet denouncing Schechita to all members of Parliament, he said.

ZOA Names Committee To Study U. S. Jews

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Formation of a special committee to analyze Zionist information and to study trends in American Jewish life was announced this week by the Zionist Organization of America.

Dr. Samuel Margoshes of New York, a member of the ZOA national executive committee, was named chairman.

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HIAS NEGOTIATING WITH ISRAEL TO EXPAND REFUGEE ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK—An official of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society disclosed this week that the organization has been negotiating with the Government of Israel to increase HIAS activity in DP transportation to Israel.

Louis Gallack, chairman of the HIAS Council of Organizations, reported the negotiations at the 19th annual convention of the HIAS Council.

Gallack said the talks were aimed at increasing HIAS work in transport, sheltering refugees in Israel and transmitting funds to individuals in Israel from overseas relatives.

The disclosure recalled the still continuing efforts by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to work out arrangements under which duplication of refugee work would be eliminated.

Moses A. Leavitt, executive direcor of the Joint Distribution Committee, reported recently that arrangements had been made to merge HIAS and JDC work in some respects in European relief.

Getting Some Place

Efforts to work out a similar agreement between HIAS and the United Service for New Americans in regard to aid to immigrants to the U.S. also were reported.

Harry N. Rosenfield, one of the three commissioners of the U. S. Displaced Persons Commission, openly assailed the law as discriminatory and flagrantly unfair at the meeting.

Israeli Official Confirms HIAS Plans

TEL AVIV — (JTA) — David Remez, Minister of Communications, this week accepted an offer by a HIAS delegation now in this country under which the Israeli Government will receive two planes for transporting aged and sick Jewish immigrants to Israel. The delegation consists of Isaac Asofsky, Solomon Dngol and Samuel Goldstein, all of the United Stats.

The delegates also proposed a plan whereby HIAS will assume financial responsibility for 1,000 or more immigrants now living in Jewish Agency reception centers in Israel, thereby releasng at least $1,000,000 of the Agency's funds for the construction of housing for new arrivals. The Agency is expected to announce its reaction to this proposal in the near future.

500 Austrian DPs Accepted By Turkey

ISTANBUL—(JTA)—A transport of 500 displaced Jews from Austria is expected to arrive here soon. The Jewish refugees will be permitted to remain in Turkey and will be given employment in industrial enterprises. This is the first time that a group of displaced Jews has been admitted to Turkey for settlement.

More than 2000 Jews emigrated last month from Turkey, it was reported here. About 800 of them were residents of Istanbul and 700 have been living in Izmir.

Modernization Cost High

TEL AVIV—(JTA) — Modernization of Israel's industrial equipment will require $40,000,000, L. Shenkar, president of the Manufacturers Association of Israel, told delegates to thebiennial conference of the arganization which opened here this week.

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